CREDITON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1918.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

Year ending December 31st, 1918.

H. M. PHILLIPS, CREDITON.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1918.
URBAN DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Report for the year 1918, but owing to my absence during that year, I am only making a brief Report consisting of the usual statistics.

BIRTHS.

The number of births is 46, which is higher than the previous two years, and is at the rate of 13.1—the population being calulated for the purpose at 3503. The birth rate for England and Wales is 17.7.

The deaths under One year were Four, of which Three were the result of premature birth. The rate of Infantile Mortality is thus 86.9 per 1,000 The rate for England and Wales is 97 per 1,000.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths is 61, the population for the purpose being calculated at 3,126, giving a rate of 19.5 per 1,000. This rate is larger than the Two previous years, but 10 of these were the direct result of the epidemic of Influenza, which was so severe during that year.

The other chief causes were :—

8 from Heart Disease
4 ,, Pneumonia
4 ,, Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Of the total deaths, 22 were of persons over the age of 70 years.

NOTIFICATIONS.

There were Five cases of Measles, One of Diphtheria, and One of Scarlet Fever notified during the year.

HOUSING.

There is, and has been, for some time a great demand for Housing Accommodation in the neighbourhood. It is hoped that steps will soon be taken to remedy this defect.

BAKEHOUSES, DAIRIES & SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 8 Bakehouses, 13 Dairies and 8 Slaughter-houses in the district; these were Inspected on several occasions and are satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY.

This is obtained from Bow and is of good quality. Nine houses obtain their water supply from wells, which are properly protected and not liable to contamination.

DRAINAGE.

All the sewerage of the Town is disposed of by broad irrigation over Lord's Meadow, wtth the exception of that of Fordton which drains into the Mill Leat. This latter is unsatisfactory, and a scheme for disposing of this also in Lord's Meadow has been under the consideration of the Council, but was postponed owing to the war.

REFUSE.

House Refuse is collected once a week and taken to a dump in Lord's Meadow.

NUISANCES.

There were 16 complaints of Nuisances during the year, and 40 Nuisances were abated.

The Factories and Workshops are all in a satisfactory condition.

The Tables of Vital Statistics are attached to this Report.

Yours faithfully,

H. F. L. HUGO, M.O.H.

TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1918 and previous Years.

Name of District—Crediton Urban.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.			Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.			
		Uncorrected Number.	Nett.				Of Non-Residents Registered in the District.	Of Residents not Registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages	
			Number.	Rate.	No	Rate.			No.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	No.	Rate
1914	3640		45	12.4					2	44.4	54	14.8
1915	3305		52	14.3					6	115.3	79	23.9
1916	3487		43	12.3					4	93.0	54	10.6
1917	3375		34	10.1					5	147.0	55	11.2
1918	3503		46	13.1					4	86.9	61	19.5

Area of District in Acres (land and inland water), 2,552.
Total population at all ages, 3,487. } At Census,
Total families or separate occupiers. } 1911.

TABLE II.

Causes of, and Ages at death during the Year 1918.

Name of District—Crediton Urban.

Causes of Death.	Nett Deaths at the subjoined Ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.									Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non-Residents" in Institutions in the District
	All Ages	Under 1 Year	1 and under 2 Years	2 and under 5 Years	5 and under 15 Years	15 and under 25 Years	25 and under 45 Years	45 and under 65 Years	65 and upwards	
All causes { Certified / Uncertified	61									
Enteric Fever										
Small-pox										
Measles										
Scarlet Fever										
Whooping Cough ...										
Diphtheria and Croup ..	1									
Influenza	10									
Erysipelas										
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	4									
Tuberculous Meningitis...	1									
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2									
Cancer, malignant disease	5									
Rheumatic Fever ...										
Meningitis										
Organic Heart Disease ...	8									
Bronchitis	3									
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	4									
Other diseases of respiratory organs										
Diarrhœa and Enteritis...										
Appendicitis and Typhlitis										
Cirrhosis of Liver ...										
Alcoholism										
Nephritis and Bright's Disease..	2									
Puerperal Fever										
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	1									
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth ...	3									
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide										
Suicide										
Other Defined Diseases...	17									
Diseases ill-defined or unknown										
Totals ...	61									

TABLE III.

Infant Mortality during the Year 1918 in the Crediton Urban District.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under One Year of Age.

Causes of Death.	Under 1 week	1—2 Weeks	2—3 Weeks	3—4 Weeks	Total under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 3 Months	3 Months and under 6 months	6 Months and under 9 Months	9 Months and under 12 Months	Total Deaths under 1 Year
All Causes { Certified / Uncertified										
Small-pox										
Chicken-pox										
Measles										
Scarlet Fever										
Whooping Cough... ...										
Diphtheria and Croup ...										
Erysipelas										
Tuberculous Meningitis ...										
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...										
Other Tuberculous Diseases										
Meningitis *(not Tuberculous)*									1	
Convulsions										
Laryngitis										
Bronchitis										
Pneumonia (all forms) ...						1				
Diarrhœa										
Enteritis										
Gastritis										
Syphilis										
Rickets										
Suffocation, overlying ..										
Injury at Birth										
Atelectasis										
Congenital Malformations										
Premature Birth	1		1							
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus										
Other Causes										
Totals ...	1		1		2	1			1	4

Nett Births in the year :—Legitimate, 43 ; Illegitimate, 3

Nett Deaths in the year of Legitimate Infants, 4 ; Illegitimate Infants, 0